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DOTD breaks ground for new Twin Span Bridge

Federal and state transportation officials broke ground July 13 for the new I-10 Twin Span Bridge, which will replace the Twin Span Bridge between New Orleans and Slidell that was ravaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Speakers at the groundbreaking included Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, DOTD Secretary Johnny B. Bradberry, U.S. Department of Transportation Undersecretary Jeffrey Shane, St. Tammany Parish President Kevin Davis and Boh Bros. Secretary-Treasurer Stephen Boh, the contractor for the work.

"This new bridge is a sure sign that we are headed down the road to recovery in a very big way," said Blanco. "We are building a Louisiana



Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco (center) and DOTD Secretary Johnny B. Bradberry (fourth from right) join the DOTD Twin Span Project team members as they break ground for the new bridge.

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DOTD donates \$26,000 to United Way

New activities encourage employee contributions



DOTD employees showed their generosity this past quarter through the annual Capital Area United Way campaign by donating \$26,012, beating last year's contributions by more than \$6,300.

Customer Service Manager Peggy Bueche and Public Information Officer Lindsay Ruiz de Chavez spearheaded the Capital Area drive and supplemented the traditional pledge card donation process with several innovative and fun activities.

Richard Savoie and Kirt Clement cooked up a delicious jambalaya lunch for \$6 a plate while employees paid a dollar for three chances to try to dunk their co-workers in the dunking booth. A line quickly formed when Secretary Johnny Bradberry took his turn on the hot seat. Employees took advantage of the chance to dunk The Boss, who was last seen still trying to get the water out of his ears. The jambalaya and dunking booth raised \$2,400.

DOTD employees also donated more than \$1,000 to United Way for a bake sale, root beer

floats and ice cream.

One of the most popular activities was the on-line auction, in which employees logged onto "DOTD-bay" via the intranet to bid on items donated by co-workers. The bidding was fast and furious, with some bids going down to the wire. In the end, the auction raised another \$2,253.

"I am proud to work with a group of people who give generously to the United Way," Bradberry said. "Sometimes, it is easy to forget how fortunate we are. We have stable jobs, and most of us enjoy good health. But that's not

true for everyone in Louisiana, and United Way helps fill that gap."

United Way is a clearinghouse for charities such as food banks, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Scouts, Sickle Cell Foundation, Volunteers of America and many, many others. The Capital Area United Way's goal this year is \$21 million. For more information or to donate or volunteer, call (225) 383-2643 or visit www.cauw.org.

ON THE ROAD WITH BRADBERRY

ABBREVIATED CALENDAR

July

- 6 CPRA Steering Committee
- 11 LTA Meeting
- 17 LAPELS Board Meeting
- 18 Rotary Club Presentation - Gonzales
- 26 Hall of Honor (La. Good Roads)

August

- 5-8 SASHTO 2006

- 9 Secretary's luncheon with engineering students
- 17 CPRA Steering Committee
- 23 I-49 North Conference
- 31 DBE Conference
CPRA Steering Committee

September

- 18 TIMED Tour: 2006 Road Show Scheduled
- 19 Millennium Port Authority

SECRETARY
Johnny B. Bradberry

DEPUTY SECRETARY
Cedric Grant

COMMUTER LINES STAFF
Mark Lambert
Dustin Annison
Peggy Bueche
Sherry Dupre
Lindsay Ruiz de Chavez
Brendan Rush





Spotlight on Customer Service

Customer service manager strives for excellence

To improve DOTD's relationship with communities and constituencies across the state, DOTD Secretary Johnny B. Bradberry created the department's customer service unit in September 2005. Bradberry appointed Peggy Bueche as the department's first customer service manager.

After she was appointed, Bueche immediately began to organize a unit that includes customer service, public involvement and maintaining the call center. She believes that having one point of entry for comments, questions and concerns will help ensure consistency in DOTD's communication with the public.

"The customer service center continues to strive for improvement, and we encourage the public to contact us," Bueche said. "I look forward to sustaining a unit within DOTD that will provide the leadership and tools to nurture a customer-service focus throughout our agency – not only for our external customers, but also for our internal customers."

Bueche, who has worked for the state for more than 30 years, held a position as a contracts/grants reviewer/manager in DOTD's consultant contract services section before she accepted the customer service manager position. She recently began working on a master's degree at Louisiana State University. She is also involved in several nonprofit groups and performs extensive volunteer work in the community.

The Customer Service Center can be reached by e-mail at customerservice@dotd.la.gov or by calling 1-877-4LADOTD.

The winners of this quarter's A-B-C-D (Above and Beyond the Call of Duty) Awards are:

A team of District 58 employees participated in the Chase Relay for Life and raised \$3,298.05 for cancer research. The team, who was the top fundraiser for the event, is being recognized for its attention to the DOTD value "people." This value focuses on respect of our co-workers for their dedication, skills, diversity and responsible actions. Congratulations **Chase Relay for Life Team!**



Pictured are (back row from left) Freddie Dupuy, Connie King, Lori Easterling, Kenneth Morris, Michael Riley,

Sandra Jackson, (front row from left – team captains) Shujen McMurray and Shannon Stephens.

Team members not pictured: Jeff McDonald, Debbie Beard, Leonal Hardman, Brenda Cruse, Karen Calhoun, Tommy Mayo and Ricky Moon.

The next recipient is **Vince Fields**, highway foreman 2 of District 04, for his attention to the DOTD value "leadership."

Vince displays exemplary leadership qualities on a daily basis and is a role model for his employees. He places a high emphasis on customer service, treating everyone the way he would like to be treated.

Congratulations Vince!



DOTD dedicates U.S. 80 as memorial highway

DOTD held a ceremony July 19 to honor those who fought in the Korean War by dedicating U.S. 80 as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway.

Senate Resolution No. 12 was passed in 2005, allowing DOTD to rename U.S. 80 throughout the state of Louisiana as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway. Sens. Robert Barham and Gerald Theunissen authored the bill in order to recognize those who defended the freedom of the people of South Korea.

"I am honored to be here today as we acknowledge the brave soldiers, sailors and airmen who served in the Korean War," said DOTD Secretary Johnny B. Bradberry. "I believe the



(Left to right) Secretary Bradberry, Mayor Mayo, Sen. Barham and Sue Edmunds unveil a sign dedicating U.S. 80 as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway.

dedication of U.S. 80 as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway is a fitting tribute to those involved in the conflict."

William Clark, a veteran of the Korean War and resident of Pearl, Miss., started the mission to have U.S. 80 renamed from coast to coast. Louisiana is the fourth state to dedicate the highway, after Alabama, Mississippi and New Mexico. Clark has been working with the transportation departments of California, Arizona, Texas and Georgia, so U.S. 80 can be known as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway across the entire nation.

Speakers at the dedication ceremony included Bradberry; Sen. Barham, District 33; Mayor James Mayo, City of Monroe; President Sue Edmunds, Monroe Chamber of Commerce; and Col. Louis T. Dechert, president of the Korean War Veterans Association.

Editor's note: The following letter was sent by William Clark's wife. Clark died shortly after the dedication ceremony was held.

Dear Lindsay Ruiz de Chavez,

Let me start by saying how very much the entire Clark Family appreciates your kindness and assistance to my husband, William Clark, for all your hard work on the Highway 80 project which was dedicated as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway on July 19. Our wish was that we could have been present but, as was stated at the dedication, he was fighting for his life at that moment. He was aware of the dedication and was delivered the program signed by so many of the prominent people in attendance. This we were and are very much appreciative of.

My children and I sat down about a week and a half ago and together we viewed the dedication DVD that you sent to us. Through many tears and much feeling of love for him we watched as another state became involved. We all agreed that this dedication was so well planned and carried out. It made us so proud. We knew all his hard work was not, and WILL NOT be in vain. I plan to continue on to finish the dealing with the remaining states. Georgia has promised to present their resolution when they convene in 2007 and we are working with Arizona at this time. I know this will not be an easy challenge since I am not, or maybe should say, I was not, as forceful as my William was. I can be, and with Gods' help and the help and guidance from my William, it WILL be carried out. We miss him so much and we know that our tears are for ourselves because we know where he is now in heaven.

My heartfelt thanks to you and all involved with this dedication and very important part of our life. I hope one day to get to personally meet you and Mr. Bradberry as I would like to salute each of you.

May God Bless each of you in your performance of duty to your state and people.

With Warmest Regards,
Jo Ann Clark

DOTD inducts two into Good Roads' Hall of Honor

Former DOTD Deputy Secretary Blaise Carriere was inducted posthumously into the Louisiana Highways and Transportation Hall of Honor. Also inducted was former Louisiana Division Administrator for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Morris Reinhardt.

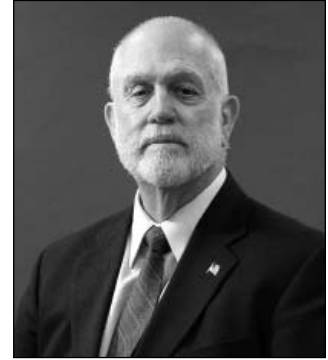
A ceremony was held at the DOTD headquarters building July 26 honoring Carriere and Reinhardt. Guest speakers included Louisiana Good Roads and Transportation Association President W.P. Wray, Vice-President W.T. Taylor Jr. and Gordon Nelson, DOTD assistant secretary of operations. Neil Wagoner, former DOTD secretary, introduced Marilyn Carriere, the wife of Blaise Carriere. Tony Sussman, former division administrator of FHWA, introduced Reinhardt.

The framed photos of Carriere and Reinhardt were installed in the Transportation Hall of Honor, located in the lobby of the DOTD headquarters building, along with those of past recipients. Following the program, the Louisiana Associated General Contractors sponsored a reception that was also held at the headquarters building.

Established in 1974, the Louisiana Highways and Transportation Hall of Honor is sponsored by the Louisiana Good Roads Association in conjunction with DOTD, the Louisiana Engineering Society, the



Blaise Carriere



Morris Reinhardt



W.T. Taylor Jr., right, presents Morris Reinhardt, left, and Marilyn Carriere with induction photos.

Louisiana State Police, the Consulting Engineers Council and the Louisiana Associated General Contractors.

The Hall of Honor recognizes those individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the development and improvement of Louisiana's transportation network.

DOTD hosts conference to unite DBEs, government

DOTD hosted a conference for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) Aug. 31 at the Louisiana Transportation Research Center. The focus was to bring the DBE community together with DOTD and the Federal Highway Administration to discuss common issues.

"We want to engage this community to help them get a better sense of how to participate in the process of working with DOTD," said DOTD Deputy Secretary

“WE WANT TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT PREPARES MORE CONTRACTORS TO BID FOR DOTD PROJECTS.”

— DEPUTY SECRETARY CEDRIC GRANT

Cedric Grant. "At the same time, we want to create an environment that prepares more contractors to bid for DOTD projects. This will in turn create more competition."

Featured speakers included DOTD Secretary Johnny B. Bradberry, Charles Klemstine of FHWA's Office of Civil Rights, and Louisiana Rep. Roy Quezaire.

The DBE program run by DOTD is intended to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of federally funded contracts for highway, transit, airport and highway safety projects and programs.

Small entrepreneurs interested in procuring state contracts can visit the Web at www.lded.state.la.us to become certified for the program.

For more information, call (504) 529-9890 or (225) 379-1411.

NEWS BRIEFS



From left, Harry Crum of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Carolyn Cook of the Federal Railroad Administration, Wes Bolinger of Federal Highway Administration, Darren Naquin of Louisiana State Police, Helmut Schneider of Louisiana State University, Jim Champagne of Louisiana Highway Safety Commission, Marie Walsh of the



Local Technical Assistance Program, Walter Brooks of the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission and Dan Magri of DOTD look on as DOTD Secretary Johnny B. Bradberry (seated) signs DOTD's Strategic Highway Safety Plan during the 2006 Louisiana Highway Safety Summit, held Sept. 7 in New Orleans.



The winners of the Books Are Fun drawing, held July 25 at DOTD headquarters, were Donna Brewer of the Department of Health and Hospitals and Cathy Starnes of DOTD's contracts and specifications section.



Norris Moore, left, of DOTD's materials lab accepts a first-place award from Customer Service manager Peggy Bueche at the art show held at headquarters July 26. Moore's piece is shown above.



Championship held at Pennington Biomedical Center Aug. 2-6. DOTD employees provided information on the Perkins Road Widening Project, Hurricane Evacuation Guides, Official State Highway Maps and information on the new Twin Span Bridge.

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that will be stronger, safer and better than before. I thank the President and Congress for the funding to make this vital project a Louisiana reality.”

“This is another step toward making Louisiana transportation less vulnerable to hurricanes,” said Bradberry. “This bridge will be safer in the event of an evacuation, and the stronger design will increase the bridge’s chance for survival.”

The new bridge, completely funded with federal dollars, will be built 300 feet to the east of the current bridge. It will be the largest public works project in the history of Louisiana at a cost of \$803 million.

The bridge will have an elevation of 30 feet, which is 21 feet higher than the old bridge, and an 80-foot high-rise section near the Slidell side to allow for marine traffic. The increased elevation will allow the bridge to withstand a much higher storm surge. The 60-foot width of each span will include three 12-foot lanes and two 12-foot shoulders on each side.

The bridge is designed for a 100-year life. It will be built entirely with high-performance concrete. This concrete is stronger, denser and less porous than normal concrete. It is also more resistant to corrosion caused by salt water, which leads to the deterioration of the concrete structure that supports the bridge.

For more information, please visit www.twinspanbridge.com.

HR HOT TOPICS

TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC (TS) PAY SCHEDULE

Gov. Blanco approved changes to the TS pay schedule effective Sept. 25, 2006. The revised structure reflects an increase in all TS pay range maximums by approximately 14 percent and an approximate 6 percent increase to range minimums. In general, DOTD jobs affected are engineers, engineering technicians, surveyors, chemists, environmental specialists and information technology. Only those employees who are below their new range minimum as of Sept. 25, 2006, will receive an immediate increase in pay.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO PPR FORM

Members of the Performance Planning and Review (PPR) Appraisal Team No. 20 and several DOTD supervisors and HR representatives were selected to participate in a PPR pilot program being conducted by the Louisiana Department of State Civil Service (CS). CS is gathering feedback from DOTD and other agencies on the proposed redesigned PPR form and is also considering a number of PPR rule changes.

GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS TRAINING AT DISTRICT OFFICES

Beginning this fall, a special round of training in governmental ethics will be presented on-site to district employees. Melissa McConnell, Louisiana Board of Ethics attorney, will cover the most asked about issues concerning the Code of Governmental Ethics. District employee will be notified of the training dates by their respective training coordinator. Training for headquarters employees was completed in late summer.

‘ASK HR’

This online feature is available to any employee who wishes to submit employment-related questions to the headquarters human resources (HR) section. Questions received will be promptly addressed by HR staff and are used to enhance HR’s “Frequently Asked Questions” Web page. Please note that your name and e-mail address are required to submit questions.

JOB DESCRIPTION REVIEW

In accordance with Civil Service guidance, HR is requesting updates on position descriptions that are five or more years old. HR is also abolishing all positions that have been vacant for more than two years.

FIELD HR WORKSHOP

District human resources employees attended a workshop at headquarters Sept. 27-28. Topics discussed included performance planning and reviews (PPRs), exit interviews and recruiting.

PERSONNEL UPDATES

(JUNE 2006-AUGUST 2006)

NEW HIRES

DISTRICT 02 – NEW ORLEANS

Christina Botros Bajewski, Rena M. Dick, Tomeka A. Edwards, Batika Renee Harris, Carol Johnson, Danielle Thoedora Liggins, Eddie W. Mackey, Jamie Marie Nordin, Patricia M. Prejeant and Teresa K. Scivicque

DISTRICT 03 – LAFAYETTE

Wilbert J. Anthony, Torrance Maquel Ballet, John Charles Boudreaux Jr., Ray Allen Girouard, Emma S. Lebon, Jacey Derouen Patin, Eddie Paul Saltzman, Iris Renae Sharpe, Shane Christopher Suire, Dean Allen Toucheque and Chase T. Veazey

DISTRICT 04 – BOSSIER CITY

Edward R. Adams, Jason Daniel Collins, Christopher B. Ferrell, Nathan Gipson, Brandon Micheal Johnson, Billy Johnson Jr., Lannie D. McDonald Jr., Nakia R. Moore, Mark W. Penton, Jason Ronald Skains, P. Jill Skinner and Tony Joseph Wallace

DISTRICT 05 – MONROE

Jerry Dewayne Allen, Quantavius T. Campbell, Allen Dosson, Jessie Lee Glass, Edward Boyd Griffith, Janice A. Howington, Matthew B. Jones, Deborah Godwin Kemper, Rolando Jonte Montgomery, Christy Renee Natt, Ruth M. Phillips and Jeremy H. Prine

DISTRICT 07 – LAKE CHARLES

Jennifer M. Galligan and Kristi L. Pitre

DISTRICT 08 – ALEXANDRIA

Eddie Jones Ardoin, John Joseph Bourgoyne, James Delane Broadway, Matthew T. Frazier, Lisa Marie Gaudin, Joshua P. Lemoine, Daniel S. Mathews, Deborah W. McCann, Joseph Paul Montalvo, James Alton Morse, Joshua B. Weary and Nicholas C. Williams

DISTRICT 58 – CHASE

Justin W. Coleman and Andrew S. Storey

DISTRICT 61 – BATON ROUGE

Travis Allen Adams, Gerald Tyrone Bryant, Kerry Cambre, Charles Lamar Carter, Kerry Eugene Davis, Beau Hunter Istre, James W. Kimball, Shederick Latroy Lacey, Jerome Littles, Demetrius J. London, Cody A. McMorris, Carver J. Perkins, David P. Rogoz, Paden Shilling, Patricia Ann Tullier, Anya Denece Victor, Daren Geriod Wells and Darrell Wayne Wells

DISTRICT 62 – HAMMOND

Herman Peter Casnave Jr., Joseph Ciolino II, Joseph J. Core, Grover Lane Day, Seth J. De Armas, Ronald Harrison Jr., Billy Keith Mason, Cartia Deshanyan Mitchell, Lonnie R. Moore, William J. Murray IV, Brandon S. Nazworth and Robert Louis Williams

HEADQUARTERS & OTHER

Megan L. Allain, Daniell A. Bailey, Stephanie Dawn Bailey, Carolyn Marie Bell, John L. Brunious III, Shena M. Byrd,

Jacob D. Coleman, Richard J. Crane, Kendell I. Davis, Wanda J. Davis, Helen Elizabeth Delatte, Timothy W. Duplessis, Michelle B. Fitzgerald, Vachel Patrice Gordon, Trent J. Gremillion, Danyell S. Henry, David Dewayne Holland, Phillip M. Hutto, Sheryl A. Landry, Sean S. Lewis, Cassandra A. Lyons, Jessie Lee Martin Jr., Perry L. Martin Jr., Marianne Mayard, Brandon C. Overton, Katherine Papillion, Tina Aydele Pietri, Angela Michelle Red, Brendan John Rush, Randy Sartin, Kyle A. Schreiner, Mary Beth Segura, Debra K. Smith, Benjamin Conrad Thomas, Ching Nien Tsai, Daniel John Tullier, Chandrika M. Vanner, Lakisha Gray Wessinger, Willethel H. White, Stephanie Piper Wicker, Jammie Ann Williams and Brandon Kyle Wood

PROMOTIONS

DISTRICT 02 – NEW ORLEANS

Danny A. Dufrene, Glenn G. Guidry, Ennis D. Johnson, Chris G. Morvant and Delmus J. Stewart III

DISTRICT 03 – LAFAYETTE

Joseph R. Boudreaux and Quentin L. Moore

DISTRICT 04 – BOSSIER CITY

Ronald E. Fortmann and Ronald G. Watts

DISTRICT 05 – MONROE

John S. Bearden and Quantez L. Reese

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DISTRICT 07 – LAKE CHARLES
Burkman P. Fruge Jr., Carrie L. Richard, Charles Daniel Spears, Brodie Hal Trahan and Pamela Ann Woodgett

DISTRICT 08 – ALEXANDRIA
Marion Hall Lamm, Laura Elizabeth Lewis, Thaddeus J. Rabalais and Charles Wayne Tam

DISTRICT 58 – CHASE
Roderick L. Bingham, Sanford Griffin, Terry E. McDougald and Clyde McWilliams

DISTRICT 61 – BATON ROUGE
Dwane P. Doucet, Bryan Austin Fontenot, Michelle Jane Gray, Michael S. Mansur, Darryle Matherne, Chad Lee Roubique, Samuel R. Weaver Jr., Jason J. Zito

DISTRICT 62 – HAMMOND
Byron L. Brumfield, Charles L. Dephillips, Michael Y. Magee, Roy Paul Miceli Jr., Darrel Wayne Palmer, Allison A. Schilling and Curtis Thomas Jr.

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Joseph P. Arretteig, Bradley R. Brandt, Samuel B. Cooper, Leonard Edward Cowart, Joseph Edmond Douglas III, Tony M. Ducote, Joubert Harris, Reginald Hunt, Jeffery R. Lambert, John Joseph Lyon, Mark Q. Martin, Mary Beth Segura, Deana M. Sowards, Percy Dwayne Stone, James David Street, Margaret Anne Thompson, Chandrika M. Vanner, Edward Raymond Wedge III, John B. Wintz and Carryn

Sollie Zeagler

RETIREMENTS

DISTRICT 02 – NEW ORLEANS
Delvin J. Adams, Bertin H. Arlt Jr., Alma J. Barnes, Renee M. Caillouet, Junior John, Michael T. Prestenbach, Clayton Marcel Prestwood, Bruce P. Simoneaux and Gloria T. Ware

DISTRICT 03 – LAFAYETTE
Tex P. Granger, Charles V. Jesclard Jr. and Bradley J. Lavergne

DISTRICT 04 – BOSSIER CITY
Erick H. Moreno and Anthony S. Wadkins

DISTRICT 05 – MONROE
Roger E. Gibson, Jerry Lynn Jones, Terry L. Jones, Pat D. McHenry Jr. and Donald L. Tolar

DISTRICT 07 – LAKE CHARLES
Wilbert L. Leblue, Joseph A. McGee, Johnny Kent Morgan, Charlotte Ann Oglesby and Rusty

Thompson

DISTRICT 08 – ALEXANDRIA

Richard E. Bruce, K.R. Lasyone and Richard T. Russo

DISTRICT 58 – CHASE

None

DISTRICT 61 – BATON ROUGE
Warren E. Hutchinson, A. Patricia Morrell and Benny J. St. Romain

DISTRICT 62 – HAMMOND

Donald R. Creel, Bruce L. Kemp, Carl V. Morris, A.W. Moschitta and Larry D. Williams

HEADQUARTERS & OTHER

Barbara B. Boughton, Sharon A. Bouie, Leroy J. Chustz Jr., Wilma M. Chustz, Daryle L. Dean Jr., Robert D. Dupont, Bobby E. Hodges, James M. McEacharn, Babak Naghavi, Cynthia Rockwell Newsom, Irma W. Pierre, Vicki A. Poirrier, Linda Ann Swain, Hollie Gay Vicknair, Tom Ed Wascom and Carol H. Zumbro

Technology Transfer

The following became certified inspectors between June 1 and August 31:

EMBANKMENT & BASE COURSE		DANIEL A. PALMER	DIST. 04
JONATHAN M. LONGMAN	DIST. 03	MICHAEL L. FREE	DIST. 58
EDWARD S. NEWSOM	DIST. 03	NATHAN C. MILLARD	DIST. 61
JOHN P. JOHNSTON JR.	DIST. 05	JAMES E. SUBLETT III	DIST. 61
EDDIE G. SPILLERS	DIST. 05	LANCE A. YOUNGER	DIST. 62
BRADLEY K. TRICHEL	DIST. 05		
JUSTIN T. WYATT	DIST. 05	ASPHALTIC CONCRETE PAVING	
		JONATHAN M. LONGMAN	DIST. 03
STRUCTURAL CONCRETE		GREGORY B. HARDEE	DIST. 07
FRANCIS G. SIMON JR.	DIST. 02	ERIC C. REED	DIST. 07

QUARTERLY RECOGNITION AWARDS

(QUARTER ENDING MARCH 2006)

**Headquarters
Employee of the
Quarter**

Elun Paul Hsu
**Manager of the
Quarter**

Rhett Desselle
**Best Team Effort of
the Quarter**

John Collins, William
Drake Jr., Steve
Glascoek, Bernadette
Lawrence, Raymond
Murry Jr., Carla
Parent, Patty Parsons,
Connie Standige and
Dana Watlington

**District 02
Employee of the
Quarter**

Paul Williams, III
**Manager of the
Quarter**

Ennis Johnson
**Best Team Effort of
the Quarter**

Gang 170: Christina
Bajewski, Jennifer
Branton, Renee
Caillouet, Terry
Cardaro, Michael
Celestine, Herbert
Connors, James
Courtney, Aaron
Davis, Andrew
Dufresne, Ronald
Firmin, Justin
Guilbeau, Ennis

Johnson, John
Monzon, Aaron Pleyel,
Larry Sharp and Craig
Vidrine

**District 03
Employee of the
Quarter**

Randy Richard
**Manager of the
Quarter**

Pat Derouselle
**Best Team Effort of
the Quarter**

Henry Begnaud,
Marcus Montgomery
and Aubrey Wyble

**District 04
Employee of the
Quarter**

No recipient
**Manager of the
Quarter**

No recipient
**Best Team Effort of
the Quarter**

No recipient

**District 05
Employee of the
Quarter**

Elizabeth Johnson
**Manager of the
Quarter**

Major James Jr.
**Best Team Effort of
the Quarter**

Kirk Gallien, Amy

Giddens, Marshall
Hill, John Kelly, Jason
Poland, Jeremy
Ratcliff and Don Tolar

**District 07
Employee of the
Quarter**

Stephanie Granger
**Manager of the
Quarter**

Greg Johnson
**Best Team Effort of
the Quarter**

No recipient

**District 08
Employee of the
Quarter**

Gretchen B. Ferguson
**Manager of the
Quarter**

Greg Johnson
**Best Team Effort of
the Quarter**

No recipient

**District 58
Employee of the
Quarter**

Carl "Greg" Carson
**Manager of the
Quarter**

John Day Sr.
**Best Team Effort of
the Quarter**

Angelo Benandi, Deryl
Price and Marshall L.
Smith

**District 61
Employee of the
Quarter**

Cotina Jennings
**Manager of the
Quarter**

Joe Bond
**Best Team Effort of
the Quarter**

Wade Allement Jr.,
Darryl Anderson, Scott
Ashley, Melvin
Coleman, Joseph David
Jr., Joseph Jarreau,
Joseph Knapps, Charles
Manuel, Robert
McCutcheon, Darryl
Pourciau, Robert Sam,
Mark St. Romain and
Michael Westerfield

**District 62
Employee of the
Quarter**

Marty Sharp
**Manager of the
Quarter**

Sharon McKinney
**Best Team Effort of
the Quarter**

Connie Bentivegna,
Lisa Cutrer, Sarah
Kemp, Flora Messina,
Patty Schmolke and
Saundra Sharp

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MAILBAG



Dear Mrs. Linda England,

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding job that one of your many employees does on a regular basis.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Mr. Kip Bourgeois for the past five years. Over those years, I have been communicating with him on a monthly basis since I am responsible for bidding all projects for our companies.

It seems that every month I have several questions concerning the state letting and Mr. Bourgeois is extremely helpful. In addition to the monthly questions [my company] might have about the letting, we are regularly inquiring about the status of our contracts, and Mr. Bourgeois either has the answers immediately or he finds the answer and responds in a very short fashion. As a contractor, that prompt response is invaluable.

I could give numerous other examples of how helpful and pleasant it is to deal with Mr. Bourgeois, but you and your superiors should already know that. I would take a dozen Kip Bourgeois here at Gulf Industries.

Quin J. Boylan Sr.
V.P. of Operations
Gulf Industries Inc.

Dear Nick Macaluso:

I would like to thank you for the time and effort you invested in coordinating the blood drive May 11. A total of 34 units were collected, and with component processing, as many as 102 patients may be helped.

I would also like to thank the donors who gave so unselfishly that others might live. They are truly "lifesavers!" My hope is that they realize how far their gift goes toward replenishing our community's blood supply and ultimately touching the lives of area patients and their families.

We were pleased with the willingness of those who took the time to share this life-saving gift. I have enjoyed working with you and look forward to our next drive.

Sincerely,
Valerie Mascorro
Territory Representative
The Blood Center

Dear DOTD,

I would like to personally and professionally extend our thanks and appreciation to DOTD District 62 lab engineer Sarah Kemp for her considerable effort in assisting us with qualifying our aggregate material for DOTD use.

Materials we sold to a private contractor and not identified for use on DOTD projects were delivered to the Brown Switch Road project site. Apparently, different supplier materials were delivered together at that site and caused confusion regarding material qualification. Sarah walked us through numerous paths and procedures in the qualification process. We have since, with her assistance, filed the necessary forms to initiate the qualification process.

Again, with team members like Sarah, the state of Louisiana can be assured that contractors and suppliers are assisted in an effective and courteous manner.

Thank you,
Dan Strom

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DOTD, DWF unite to preserve threatened species

DOTD and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (DWF) are working together to preserve a piece of Louisiana's history.

DOTD District 04 Headquarters was recently contacted by Chris Reid, a botanist at DWF, about a rare plant – “*Amorpha Paniculata*.”

The plant is also known as the “Panicled False Indigo.” It is only found in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana, and is on Louisiana's threatened species list. The plant is good for our ecosystem and is used in the preservation of the wetlands as a stream bank stabilizer.

According to Reid, one of the largest patches found to date in Louisiana is in District 04.

Highway Foreman Vince Fields and his mowing crew partnered with



Reid to try to identify specimens of the plant. Once they identify a shrub, they maintain the weeds around it and mark the spots for the mowers to avoid – preserving these shrubs for future study and research.

District 04 hopes that this partnership will provide additional insight into the shrub's place in the ecosystem and its benefits to the land.

Fields also has gathered seeds and plans to test the soil at DOTD's Caddo Maintenance Unit to formulate the same acidic soil in which the plant was found. He hopes to preserve the plant and study its nature. It seems that the false indigo is resistant to the herbicides that DOTD currently uses, and there is very little insect activity on the leaves and flowers.

“DOTD recognizes the importance of beautiful roadsides in our roadside vegetative maintenance program,” said Bob Taylor, District 04 maintenance engineer. “Providing for protected areas for rare plant species is something we do, thus giving the traveling public – the citizens of Louisiana and visitors alike – a pleasant roadside that is safe and environmentally friendly.”